

**APRIL 3, 2006
PARMA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC HEARING
6:45 P.M.**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Public Safety Committee Chairman Mary Galinas presiding:

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

MARY GALINAS
THOMAS REGAS
BRIAN DAY
LARRY NAPOLI
KENNETH A. RAMSER

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

SEAN P. BRENNAN
NICHOLAS J. CELEBREZZE
SCOTT M. TUMA

Chairman Galinas – Stated, a Public Notice was placed in the Sun Post on March 30, 2006 stating: The Parma City Council Public Safety Committee will hold a Public Hearing with a public forum on Monday, April 3, 2006 at 6:45 p.m. The Hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at Parma City Hall, 6611 Ridge Road, Parma, Ohio. The following will be discussed: Ordinance No. 45-06 – An Ordinance to repeal Chapter 618 “Animals” and to enact a new Chapter 618 “Animals” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Parma, and declaring an emergency. By order of the Public Safety Committee, Mary Galinas, Chairman. Thomas Mastroianni, Clerk of Council. There will be no vote taken this evening and no other deliberations. This meeting will be in two sections. First to speak will be those who are in favor of the Ordinance, and second to speak will be those who are against the Ordinance. It would be appreciated if a spokesman would speak representing any group present to cut down on repetition.

FOR ORDINANCE NO. 45-06:

Animal Warden Juliet Kocik – Stated, she believes in this Ordinance. She and the Law Department have gone over it. The only one they are actually working on is the dangerous dog ordinance because of the way the State law has been challenging a vicious dog. Stated, they want to make it stronger here in Parma. The other change that they also have been working on is the penalty, whether it is a first degree misdemeanor, second degree, etc. Everything is basically the same. These changes are nothing major. They are just basic common sense and will make her job a lot easier.

AGAINST ORDINANCE NO. 45-06:

Betty Dodds, 3803 Torrington Avenue - Asked, why wasn't there a limit put on as to how many dogs are allowed per home. Stated, she lives in a neighborhood where she has three neighbors, each having four to five dogs. When these dogs are all out together, it is very noisy. Stated, she knows it is a difficult law to pass and to enforce.

Juliet Kocik – Stated, the reason why she hasn't addressed this is because she feels this will be taken care of down the road. Right now the ordinances that she is proposing are just updated ordinance. Stated, she is working on the pet limit. She has contacted other communities in regards to what is their pet limit. It is in the works, but she wants to get these passed first, and then before the summer she will put the other ordinance together and present that.

Councilwoman Galinas – Stated, just to let you know, we have talked at good length about limiting pets. We will be working on that in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Day, to adjourn this Public Hearing. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION

I, Thomas Mastroianni, Clerk of Council of the City of Parma, Ohio, do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes from the Public Hearing held on Monday, April 3, 2006.

MARY GALINAS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

CHARLES M. GERMANA
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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(Minutes completed April 19, 2006)